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Dear *Indigenous and North Affairs Canada*,

My name is Crysta Perak and my background is of Inuit (Iqaluit) and Croatian descent. I was born in New Brunswick. I moved to Vancouver in 2010, temporarily for my studies, but I never left. I wanted to thank you for reaching out to me and supporting me through my studies.

I am currently in my 4th year of a Bachelor of Motion Picture Arts at Capilano University's North Vancouver campus in British Columbia. It has been hard for me to get this far and be the first generation of both my family to acquiring higher education. I'm not shy to say my father is very proud of my accomplishments, and I must say I am too.

I received news of this bursary today, and I wanted to let you know that I'm in the process of being interviewed for an International Internship to Zambia, Africa. If successfully shortlisted, and I complete my internship, I hope to find employment as a producer, or director of documentaries. I want to help the stories of other indigenous, and artists of diverse backgrounds make it to the screen.

My current education includes a Film and Video Production Diploma, from College of the North Atlantic in Newfoundland, and my *almost* complete Business Certificate through Thompson University, which will help me branch to my MBA after graduation of my Bachelor of Motion Picture Arts. My other goals include saving up to do my Master of Business Administration (or Indigenous Cultural Studies in Australia – depends what I get accepted for) to further my skills, and designations as a qualified person in the film trade. A big dream of mine is to teach children, teens and adults in isolated communities to make films about their stories so they can have more freedom in the expression of art and voice.

The amazing contribution that you have given me towards my education adds up to a lot of stress taken off my shoulders. Thank you for making it possible for me to continue my studies. If you would like to come to my graduation, please don't hesitate to reach out for the pending date.

Sincerely,

Crysta Perak